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For: **LASER SYSTEM FOR FUNCTIONAL
TRIMMING OF FILMS AND DEVICES**

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Examiner: Geoffrey S. Evans

AMENDMENT

TO THE ASSISTANT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 17, after "1995" insert --, now U.S. Patent No. 5,685,995--.

Page 1, line 22, after "1993" insert +, pub. as WO94/06182 on March 17,
1994--.

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are in the application. Only claim 1 is in independent form.

The Examiner has objected to the disclosure because the status of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/538,073 has not been updated. Applicants respond to this rejection as follows.

As requested, the specification has been updated to include the U.S. Patent No. 5,685,995 of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/538,073. Applicants request, therefore, that this objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-12 stand rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 5,685,995 ('995 patent). The Examiner states that the "claims are allowable over the prior art of